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SUGAR—WEIGHING OF—UNAUTHORISED WEIGHTS

204. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether sugar is sold in the Government Fair Price Shops using weights which are not recognised by the Government;

(*b*) if so, whether the Police has taken any action against any Fair Price Shop keepers;

(*c*) if not, why not?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Can the Hon'ble Member for Food Supply assure this House that in Fair Price Shops weights are not used other than the weights recognised by the Government weights weighing 42½ tolas for one pound.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In some shops owing to the paucity of weights the English weights may have sometimes to be used. In order to make up correct weight additional weight will be put. That is because of the difficulty in getting weights. A proposal is under consideration whereby the whole weight is to be calculated according to the English system. When the lower denomination is used there will be less scope for any fraud or irregularity.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is there any contrivance to put the additional weight permanently there and the Tahsildar giving his seal of consent for it when the Tahsildar goes there.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is not sealed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it not left to the keeper of the Fair Price Shop to use the additional weight with the weight there or not.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* So far as our information goes there is no fraud.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I can point out to the police that the Fair Price Shops are not using proper weights?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* You can bring the matter to my notice instead of going to the police.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Hon'ble Member's reply was that there was no such thing, but later when I put the question the member himself admits that there is some trouble.

Mr. President: As I heard the Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies he admitted that there was a possibility of fraud. He did not admit the fact.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is still going on.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We are trying to prevent such a loop-hole.

JAGGERY—PARTICULARS OF SALE, ETC.

205. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how much jaggery has been got down by the Civil Supplies Department till Medam 1119;

(*b*) how much has been sold;

(*c*) is the remaining stock in a condition fit for sale?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) About 541·38 tons (including gur).

(*b*) 519·25 tons.

(*c*) Yes, except some portion which has become damaged.

DAMAGED WHEAT—SALE IN AUCTION

206. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether wheat has been sold in auction by the Civil Supplies Department at Rs. 1—8—0 per bag;

(*b*) if so, how many bags have been sold;

(*c*) what will be the average cost of each bag taking into account the cost at the place of purchase and all charges incurred on it thereafter till date of sale;

(*d*) what is the loss of the Government in that auction;

(*e*) are such auctions contemplated in respect of other articles?